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will the Appropriations Committee or will DEQ or will someone else go back and ask those communities, those local governmental subdivisions, to at a later date, are we going to ask them to be good soldiers again and ask them at a later date to come in and tell us what they think they were entitled to under the fund and allow them access to the fund? Or is this the death of the Are there going to be no further monies ever to assist those governmental subdivisions, even the ones who have been good soldiers? And what ... what kind of a burr are we going to put under the saddle of these folks who were, in my opinion, frankly, good soldiers in this effort and now are they going to tell their taxpayers that because we couldn't manage our fiscal status and because we couldn't manage the state's liability that they have to pay? I...I have misgivings about making that as a policy statement. If Senator Wehrbein wants to respond, I'd be glad to hear what the thinking of the Appropriations Committee is on that particular aspect of this issue.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, first of all, an...I will ans...I was going to reply to Senator Wickersham's question. Senator Chambers, I did use the word "assure" and not "guarantee". I just want you to know that. Guarantee goes quite far in my mind too. I asked this very question, Senator Wickersham. I'm going to read from the transcript another question from me, one I have on landfill closures. You're fairly confident that we've gotten about all the money we need for landfill closures. Are we going to run into any future problems for lack of money? I asked this of Mr. Linder from DEQ. And his reply was, well, if you remember back in 1992 when that portion of the lottery proceeds was diverted to landfill closure, we had many, many open dumps that were needing to be closed, and now we're to the point where we have all licensed designed facilities with groundwater monitoring and financial assurance in place that the problem is much less, is much more managed. There's still a possibility of contamination, but I think if the state tried to create a fund to reimburse costs for that type of cleanup, it would be ...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.